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*A Territorial Implementation Compact for Agroecology, Food Systems Transformation,  
Open Data, Youth Enterprise and Sustainable Investment*

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### LAUNCH NOTE

The Global Agroecology Forum (GAF) Compact is formally launched during the FINAS 2026 Summit as a shared African commitment to reposition agroecology from isolated projects into coordinated territorial investment systems capable of transforming food systems at scale.

The launch recognizes the emergence of Murang'a County, Kenya, as the Global Agroecology Lighthouse, where policy innovation, institutional reforms, digital public infrastructure, regenerative production systems, youth enterprise, investment readiness, and multi-stakeholder partnerships have converged to demonstrate how agroecology can move beyond advocacy into measurable implementation.

Launching the Compact during FINAS reflects the growing recognition that Africa's food systems transformation requires more than good agricultural practices. It requires sustainable financial architectures capable of connecting territorial implementation, trusted data, enterprise development, blended finance, structured demand, public policy, and regional cooperation into investable food systems.

The Compact therefore serves as an open invitation to governments, counties, municipalities, development partners, investors, research institutions, universities, private sector organizations, farmer organizations, youth networks, civil society, and communities across Africa and beyond to become active partners in building resilient, regenerative, and investment-ready territorial food systems.

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### COMPACT OVERVIEW

The Global Agroecology Forum Compact is a shared implementation framework for advancing agroecology as a practical pathway for food systems transformation. It is designed to move agroecology from advocacy to implementation, from scattered pilots to territorial systems, and from declarations to measurable transformation.

The Compact recognizes that food systems are shaped not by agriculture alone, but by the interaction of policy, farming, extension, research, finance, enterprise, logistics, nutrition, health, education, climate action, biodiversity, trade, digital systems, public procurement, development cooperation and community organization. It therefore adopts an inclusive Food Systems Role Architecture through which institutions and actors participate according to the contribution they make to food systems transformation.

At the center of the Compact is the commitment to territorial implementation. Counties, municipalities, landscapes, communities and local food systems are recognized as the practical spaces where agroecology must be organized, financed, monitored and scaled. The Compact links Territorial Agroecology Platforms, Local Enterprise and Service Hubs, FoodFarmacy systems, regenerative school meals, trusted data governance, investment mechanisms, research, extension and implementation learning into one coherent transformation architecture.

The Compact also provides an entry pathway into the wider GODAN Alliance architecture through the GODAN Alliance Membership and Partnership Gateway. Through this gateway, members define their role, join relevant working groups, connect to territorial implementation platforms, access Compact instruments, contribute knowledge and resources, and participate in annual reporting and accountability through the Global Agroecology Forum.

The Compact is anchored in the GODAN 6Ps: People, Planet, Prosperity, Peace, Partnerships and Participation. It affirms that agroecology must improve livelihoods, restore ecosystems, strengthen local economies, build resilience, deepen cooperation and ensure meaningful participation by farmers, youth, women, communities, institutions and partners.

The Compact is therefore not a one-off declaration. It is a living implementation paradigm that grows as members join, territories implement, evidence is generated, finance is mobilized, data systems mature, enterprises develop and lessons are fed back into policy, practice and investment.

### PREAMBLE

Food systems across the world face converging pressures from soil degradation, biodiversity loss, climate vulnerability, unsafe production practices, fragmented markets, weak rural livelihoods, youth unemployment, rising nutrition challenges and under-financed territorial transformation. These

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pressures cannot be addressed through isolated agricultural projects, short-term interventions or sector-specific responses alone.

Agroecology offers a practical pathway for responding to these challenges because it connects production, ecology, nutrition, livelihoods, culture, markets, finance, public procurement, knowledge systems, territorial governance and data-enabled accountability. It recognizes that food systems transformation must be rooted in place, supported by science and local knowledge, financed through suitable mechanisms, and implemented through institutions that communities trust.

The Global Agroecology Forum Compact is established in this spirit. It brings together governments, territories, farmers, youth, women, communities, knowledge institutions, enterprises, financiers, development partners, multilateral and bilateral institutions, digital actors, logistics actors, health and nutrition systems, climate and biodiversity actors, and civil society into a shared implementation architecture.

The Compact affirms that no single actor, or sectoral effort, can transform food systems alone. Transformation requires organized participation, clear roles, trusted data, territorial platforms, learning systems, enterprise pathways, investment readiness and annual accountability. It also requires a commitment to ensure that no territory, institution, community or food systems actor is left behind.

This Compact therefore provides a living framework for coordinated action. It invites members to move beyond declarations and into practical implementation, evidence generation, investment mobilization, learning and continuous improvement.

### NATURE AND INTENT OF THE COMPACT

The Global Agroecology Forum Compact is conceived as a shared implementation agreement that brings together institutions, territories, communities and partners willing to work within a common agroecology and food systems transformation architecture. It is not designed as a declaration of interest alone, but as a practical basis for coordinated participation, territorial action, investment alignment, knowledge exchange and accountability.

The intent of the Compact is to provide a common framework through which different actors can locate their roles, align their contributions, access shared instruments, connect to territorial platforms, and participate in learning and accountability processes through the Global Agroecology Forum and the wider GODAN Alliance architecture.

The Compact therefore gives institutional form to a simple proposition: agroecology can only scale when policy, community action, enterprise, finance, research, extension, logistics, public procurement, nutrition, health, digital systems and territorial governance are organized to work together. It creates the space for these actors to move from separate efforts into a coordinated implementation system.

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In this sense, the Compact serves as the bridge between the Global Agroecology Forum as a convening platform and the practical systems required for delivery in territories. It defines the shared intent, institutional orientation and implementation discipline through which members can contribute to regenerative, inclusive, data-enabled and accountable food systems transformation.

### PURPOSE OF THE COMPACT

The purpose of the Global Agroecology Forum Compact is **to provide a shared institutional and implementation framework for accelerating agroecology transitions across territories**. It creates a pathway through which members can coordinate action, mobilize investment, strengthen local enterprises, support farmers, improve food and nutrition security, and build resilient territorial food systems.

More specifically, the Compact seeks to support:

- territorial agroecology implementation;
- investment-ready food systems transformation;
- youth and women enterprise development;
- regenerative school meals and institutional food procurement;
- FoodFarmacy systems that link food, nutrition, health and traditional knowledge;
- open data, digital public infrastructure and trusted data governance;
- research, implementation learning and scientific coordination;
- public-private-community partnerships;
- South-South, triangular and global cooperation.

The Compact therefore serves as both a partnership instrument and an accountability framework. It enables members to join a common transformation agenda while retaining the flexibility to adapt agroecology implementation to their own territorial, ecological, cultural, economic and institutional realities.

### FOUNDATIONAL PRINCIPLES

The Compact is anchored in the **GODAN 6Ps: People, Planet, Prosperity, Peace, Partnerships and Participation**.

**People** are at the center of the Compact. Agroecology must improve the lives of farmers, pastoralists, fisherfolk, consumers, youth, women, indigenous communities and vulnerable groups. It must strengthen nutrition, health, livelihoods, dignity and social inclusion.

**Planet** defines the ecological responsibility of the Compact. Agroecology must restore soils, protect biodiversity, conserve water, regenerate landscapes, reduce harmful dependencies and support climate adaptation and resilience.

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**Prosperity** recognizes that agroecology must also be economically viable. The Compact therefore supports enterprise development, value addition, markets, finance, dignified jobs, local manufacturing, regenerative trade and territorial investment.

**Peace** reflects the role of food systems in strengthening social cohesion, food security, resilience and equitable resource governance. Agroecology must help reduce vulnerability, exclusion and conflict over land, water, food and livelihoods.

**Partnerships** are essential because no single institution can transform food systems alone. The Compact brings together governments, communities, farmer organizations, universities, research institutions, private-sector actors, financiers, development partners and civil society.

**Participation** ensures that agroecology is not imposed from above. Communities, farmers, youth, women and local institutions must be involved in diagnosis, planning, implementation, monitoring, learning and accountability.

### CORE COMMITMENTS

Members of the Global Agroecology Forum Compact commit to advancing agroecology as a practical pathway for food systems transformation. This includes supporting policies, institutions, enterprises, knowledge systems, financing mechanisms and digital tools that enable agroecology to be implemented at scale.

The Compact invites members to commit to the following priorities:

- **advancing agroecology** as a food systems transformation pathway;
- **supporting territorial implementation** through counties, municipalities, cities, landscapes and local food systems;
- **strengthening farmer-led and community-based transition pathways;**
- **developing youth-led Local Enterprise and Service Hubs;**
- **aligning public procurement, especially school meals and institutional feeding,** with regenerative local sourcing;
- **promoting FoodFarmacy systems** that link food, nutrition, health and traditional knowledge;
- **mobilizing blended, community and outcome-based finance** for agroecology;
- **building FAIR, CARE and GODAN TRUST-aligned data governance systems;**
- **supporting research, implementation learning and scientific coordination;**
- **reporting progress annually** through the Global Agroecology Forum.

These commitments are intended to be practical, measurable and adaptable. They are not abstract declarations. They are designed to guide real work in real territories.

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### MEMBERSHIP AND FOOD SYSTEMS ROLE ARCHITECTURE

The Compact provides an entry pathway into the Global Agroecology Forum ecosystem and the wider GODAN Alliance architecture. Membership is open to institutions and actors committed to agroecology, food systems transformation, trusted data governance, sustainable investment, and territorial implementation.

The Compact recognizes that food systems are not shaped by agriculture alone. They are shaped by **production, nutrition, markets, infrastructure, finance, public policy, logistics, research, trade, digital systems, public procurement, climate action, biodiversity stewardship, health systems, education, cultural knowledge, community organization and international cooperation.**

For this reason, the Compact adopts an inclusive Food Systems Role Architecture. This architecture recognizes actors according to the functions they perform in transforming food systems, rather than only by their institutional title. It ensures that no institution, sector, discipline or community is left outside the transformation process simply because its role is not traditionally classified as agricultural.

Membership may therefore include actors working through the following roles:

**Policy, Governance and Public Leadership Actors.** These include national governments, county and territorial governments, municipalities, intergovernmental institutions, regulatory bodies, legislative actors, public agencies and public service institutions. Their role is to provide policy direction, legal frameworks, institutional coordination, public investment, planning systems, standards and accountability mechanisms for agroecology and food systems transformation.

**Development and Implementation Partners.** These include development agencies, foundations, non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, implementation support organizations, community development institutions and humanitarian-development-peace actors. Their role is to support programme design, capacity building, catalytic financing, technical assistance, social inclusion, community mobilization, resilience building, implementation learning and scaling of proven models.

**Multilateral and Bilateral Institutions.** These include United Nations agencies, regional economic communities, continental bodies, international financial institutions, bilateral development agencies, embassies, South-South cooperation platforms and global policy institutions. Their role is to connect territorial agroecology implementation to global, continental and regional development agendas through technical cooperation, policy alignment, knowledge exchange, financing, diplomacy and international visibility.

**Economic, Finance and Investment Actors.** These include public finance institutions, development finance institutions, commercial banks, microfinance institutions, cooperative finance systems, insurance providers, guarantee funds, impact investors, philanthropic financiers, community finance systems and private investors. Their role is to convert agroecology from a grant-dependent agenda into

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a financeable transformation pathway through blended finance, de-risking, guarantees, concessional capital, community co-financing, outcome-based finance and territorial investment pipelines.

**Research, Science and Knowledge Institutions.** These include universities, CGIAR centers, national research organizations, biodiversity institutions, climate science bodies, food science institutions, nutrition research centers, implementation science networks, policy research institutions and territorial learning systems. Their role is to generate evidence, validate practices, support implementation learning, monitor outcomes and translate science into practice.

**Food Systems Extension and Knowledge Support Institutions.** These include public extension services, farmer advisory systems, agricultural training institutions, agroecology trainers, nutrition extension actors, veterinary and livestock advisory systems, fisheries advisory systems, digital advisory providers, implementation learning organizations, community knowledge intermediaries and traditional knowledge custodians. Their role is to bridge policy, science, enterprise and farmer practice through field-level accompaniment, learning, mentoring, demonstration, advisory support and continuous problem-solving.

**Farmer, Producer and Community Institutions.** These include farmers, pastoralists, fisherfolk, cooperatives, producer organizations, community-based organizations, indigenous communities, women's groups, youth groups and local food networks. They are not passive beneficiaries; they are co-creators, implementers, knowledge holders, investors and accountability actors.

**Private Sector and Enterprise Actors.** These include agribusinesses, agroecology enterprises, input suppliers, bio-input producers, processors, aggregators, retailers, food manufacturers, hospitality actors, food service providers, technology companies, standards bodies and market platforms. Their role is to support enterprise development, value addition, market access, innovation, product development, quality assurance and commercial sustainability.

**Logistics, Infrastructure and Market Systems Actors.** These include transporters, warehouse operators, cold-chain providers, aggregation centers, market infrastructure providers, digital marketplaces, public market authorities, ports, trade corridors, packaging actors and last-mile delivery systems. Their role is to ensure that agroecological products can move efficiently, safely and affordably from producers to consumers while reducing post-harvest losses.

**Nutrition, Health and Food Safety Actors.** These include public health institutions, nutritionists, hospitals, community health systems, food safety authorities, traditional medicine actors, school health systems, consumer protection bodies and FoodFarmacy-related institutions. Their role is to connect agroecology to safe, diverse, nutritious and culturally appropriate food systems that support human wellbeing.

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**Education, Youth and Skills Development Actors.** These include schools, vocational institutions, universities, youth incubation platforms, mentorship networks, technical training institutions, digital learning systems and enterprise development programmes. Their role is to build the next generation of food systems leaders, agripreneurs, data stewards, extension providers, logistics operators, nutrition advocates, researchers and territorial enterprise builders.

**Digital, Data, Standards and Technology Actors.** These include digital public infrastructure providers, data governance institutions, traceability platforms, standards organizations, AI and analytics actors, geospatial institutions, digital identity systems, payment platforms and open data communities. Their role is to support trusted data, interoperability, traceability, advisory systems, market intelligence, digital finance, monitoring and accountability through FAIR, CARE and TRUST-aligned systems.

**Climate, Environment and Biodiversity Actors.** These include environmental agencies, conservation organizations, climate adaptation institutions, biodiversity platforms, water resource actors, landscape restoration bodies, carbon and ecosystem service actors and natural resource governance institutions. Their role is to ensure that food systems transformation restores rather than depletes ecosystems.

**Trade, Diplomacy and Regional Cooperation Actors.** These include trade ministries, export promotion agencies, regional trade bodies, embassies, chambers of commerce, diaspora networks, geographical indication institutions, standards agencies and international cooperation platforms. Their role is to connect territorial agroecology to regional and global markets, diplomatic partnerships, geographical indication systems, South-South cooperation, investment promotion and sustainable trade.

**Media, Communication and Public Accountability Actors.** These include media organizations, communication platforms, journalists, public education institutions, citizen accountability groups, knowledge translation actors and storytelling platforms. Their role is to communicate progress, support public awareness, amplify community voices, document lessons, expose gaps and strengthen accountability.

This inclusive role architecture ensures that agroecology is not treated as the responsibility of one sector alone. It is a shared transformation agenda requiring integrated action across public institutions, communities, enterprises, knowledge systems, finance, science, technology, markets, logistics, health, education, climate action and international cooperation.

What matters is not where an institution comes from, but what contribution it makes to the shared transformation agenda. This approach allows the Compact to welcome ministries, counties, municipalities, universities, farmers, cooperatives, youth enterprises, women's groups, development agencies, multilateral organizations, bilateral partners, financiers, researchers, extension providers, logistics firms, digital platforms, nutrition actors, health institutions, environmental organizations, private enterprises and community systems into one coherent food systems transformation framework.

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Participation in the Compact is activated through the GODAN Alliance Membership and Partnership Gateway, where members identify their role within the Food Systems Role Architecture, define their contribution pathway, join relevant working groups, connect to territorial implementation platforms, and participate in annual learning and accountability processes.

### IMPLEMENTATION ARCHITECTURE

The Compact is implemented through practical territorial systems that translate agroecology from principle into action, from policy into implementation, and from isolated interventions into functioning local enterprise and service ecosystems.

**The first layer** is the development of **Territorial Agroecology Platforms**. These are county, municipal, landscape, ward or community-level coordination systems that guide agroecology implementation. They bring together public institutions, farmers, cooperatives, enterprises, researchers, extension providers, financiers, logistics actors, health and nutrition actors, digital systems, community organizations and development partners around shared transformation priorities. Their role is to provide coordination, legitimacy, participation, accountability and strategic alignment.

**The second layer** is the development of **Local Enterprise and Service Hubs (LESH)**. Under the Compact, LESH are the practical local delivery systems through which territorial agroecology priorities are converted into enterprise, services, livelihoods and implementation capability. A LESH is not merely a physical facility. It is a locally anchored enterprise and service coordination system that may use one or more physical coordination points to organize producers, youth, cooperatives, service providers, enterprises, institutions, markets, finance, data and learning within a defined local area.

LESH support youth-led, community-based and enterprise-oriented services such as farmer registration, advisory, bio-input transition, production planning, standards support, aggregation, traceability, processing, logistics coordination, market linkage, finance readiness, FoodFarmacy supply support and School Meals supply-chain coordination. In this way, LESH help convert agroecology into practical livelihoods, local enterprise opportunities, service markets, youth employment and investable territorial value chains.

**The third layer** is the use of **FoodFarmacy and School Meals Demand Anchors**. Public and community demand systems can create reliable markets for agroecological production. School meals, hospitals, community kitchens, FoodFarmacies, public institutions and nutrition-linked food systems can become powerful engines for local sourcing, dietary diversity, farmer income, youth enterprise, public procurement reform and territorial resilience.

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LESH help organize the local supply, aggregation, quality assurance, logistics, traceability and enterprise services needed to make these demand anchors work.

**The fourth layer is Digital Public Infrastructure and Trusted Data Governance.** Agroecology transformation requires reliable data on farmers, production, soils, nutrition, markets, procurement, finance, services and outcomes. The Compact therefore promotes Integrated Sustainable Development Goals Digital Public Infrastructure Engine (ISDGD-PIE), Easyway Agroecology TRUST Standards (EATS), Findable, Accessible, Interoperable and Reusable (FAIR), Collective Benefit, Authority to Control, Responsibility and Ethics (CARE), and Transparent, Rights-respecting, Understandably traceable, Secure rights, within Trusted and institutionally grounded systems (TRUST)-aligned systems for traceability, advisory, financing, monitoring and accountability. LESH provide the local data generation and service delivery points through which trusted territorial intelligence can be built from the ground up.

**The fifth layer is the Investment and Finance Architecture.** Agroecology cannot scale without suitable financing. The Compact supports blended finance, community finance, guarantee mechanisms, catalytic philanthropy, outcome-based finance, territorial investment briefs and sustainable market systems that can crowd-in public, private and community capital. LESH strengthen finance readiness by helping producers, cooperatives, youth enterprises, service providers and value chains become visible, organized, traceable, bankable and connected to structured demand.

**The sixth layer is Research, Extension and Implementation Learning.** The Compact recognizes that agroecology must be supported by science, local knowledge, field advisory systems, implementation evidence and continuous learning. Universities, research institutions, extension systems, biodiversity organizations, implementation science networks and territorial learning systems therefore play a central role. LESH serve as practical learning sites where research, extension, standards, youth training, enterprise incubation, implementation evidence and adaptive learning can be tested, documented and scaled.

Together, these six layers create an implementation architecture in which **Territorial Agroecology Platforms coordinate, LESH deliver enterprise and services, FoodFarmacy and School Meals create demand, Digital Public Infrastructure governs trusted data, finance systems support investment readiness, and research, extension and learning continuously improve implementation.** This is how the Compact turns agroecology into functioning territorial economies.

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### COMPACT INSTRUMENTS

To support implementation, the Compact should be accompanied by practical tools, instruments and participation pathways that members need to adapt and use. These may include:

- GODAN Alliance Membership and Partnership Gateway;
- Territorial Readiness Notes;
- Agroecology Investment Briefs;
- Multistakeholder Platform Guidelines;
- Local Enterprise and Service Hub Development Framework;
- FoodFarmacy Implementation Toolkit;
- Regenerative School Meals Toolkit;
- EATS Assurance and Traceability Toolkit;
- TRUST Data Governance Guide;
- Youth Agripreneur Incubation Model;
- Annual Global Agroecology Accountability Report.

The **GODAN Alliance Membership and Partnership Gateway** provides the entry pathway through which institutions, territories, enterprises, knowledge actors, development partners, financiers, youth networks and community systems can formally align with the Compact. It enables members to define their role within the Food Systems Role Architecture, participate in relevant working groups, connect to territorial implementation platforms, access shared tools, contribute knowledge and resources, and report progress through the Global Agroecology Forum accountability process.

These instruments help territories and partners move from general interest in agroecology to organized participation, implementation readiness, investment readiness, monitoring, learning and accountability.

### GOVERNANCE

The governance of the Compact encourages broad participation, while ensuring coordination, accountability, continuity and implementation discipline.

The **Global Agroecology Forum Assembly** serves as the broad annual convening of Compact members. It provides the space for reporting, learning, partnership building, investment engagement, political visibility and accountability. It also serves as the annual moment through which members of the Compact and the wider GODAN Alliance reflect on progress, share lessons, identify gaps and renew implementation commitments.

The **GODAN Alliance Membership and Partnership Gateway** provides the formal entry pathway into the Compact. Through this gateway, institutions and actors are able to define their role within the Food Systems Role Architecture, join relevant working groups, connect to territorial implementation

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platforms, access Compact instruments, contribute knowledge and resources, and participate in the Global Agroecology Forum accountability process.

The **Compact Steering Council** provides strategic guidance and oversight. It does not attempt to represent every actor category mechanically, but ensures balanced representation across the main constituencies of the Compact, including governments, territorial authorities, GODAN, farmer and community institutions, youth and women networks, research and knowledge institutions, extension and knowledge support systems, finance and investment actors, private-sector and market systems actors, civil society, multilateral and bilateral institutions, and development partners.

The Technical and Scientific Working Groups support specific areas of implementation. These may include agroecology transition, finance and investment, school meals, FoodFarmacy, digital systems, data governance, research and implementation learning, extension and knowledge support, youth enterprise, logistics and market systems, standards, nutrition and health, climate and biodiversity, trade, and territorial implementation.

The **Regional and Territorial Nodes** support contextualized implementation across different geographies. These nodes allow Africa, Latin America, Asia, Europe and other regions to adapt the Compact to their own institutional, ecological, cultural and economic realities, while remaining connected to the wider Global Agroecology Forum Compact.

The Secretariat Function provides coordination, documentation, knowledge management, membership onboarding, role classification, working group coordination, member support, learning and reporting. This function is anchored through the GODAN and ISSD architecture, with partners contributing technical, institutional and financial support. It also supports the preparation of annual progress reports, territorial learning products, Compact instruments and Global Agroecology Forum accountability processes.

### ACCOUNTABILITY AND LEARNING

The Compact must be accountable to outcomes. Its value will not be measured by the number of declarations made, the size of convenings held, or the number of institutions listed as members. It is measured by the transformation it enables in territories, communities, food systems, markets, institutions and ecosystems.

Accountability under the Compact is therefore both territorial and role-based. Territorial accountability tracks what is changing in places, landscapes, counties, municipalities and communities. Role-based accountability tracks how different members contribute according to their mandate within the Food Systems Role Architecture, including policy, finance, research, extension, enterprise, logistics, nutrition, digital systems, climate action, development cooperation and community implementation.

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Through the GODAN Alliance Membership and Partnership Gateway, members are encouraged to define their role, identify their contribution pathways, join relevant working groups, connect to territorial implementation platforms, and participate in annual reporting and learning processes.

Members therefore report annually on progress in areas such as:

- land under agroecological transition;
- farmers, pastoralists, fisherfolk and communities reached and supported;
- youth and women enterprises created or strengthened;
- Food Systems Extension and Knowledge Support services delivered;
- local sourcing volumes through school meals, FoodFarmacy systems and public procurement;
- logistics, aggregation, storage, processing and market systems strengthened;
- soil health, biodiversity, water and climate resilience indicators;
- nutrition, health, dietary diversity and FoodFarmacy outcomes;
- finance mobilized for agroecology, including public, private, philanthropic, blended and community finance;
- adoption of digital traceability, open data systems, and trusted data governance;
- policy, legal, institutional and regulatory reforms supported;
- research, evidence, implementation learning and knowledge products generated;
- partnerships formed through the GODAN Alliance and the Global Agroecology Forum ecosystem;
- participation of farmers, youth, women, indigenous knowledge actors, and local communities;
- lessons learned, implementation gaps identified and corrective actions taken.

The Global Agroecology Forum is the annual accountability and learning moment for this Compact. It allows members to share progress honestly, identify implementation gaps, mobilize support, strengthen partnerships, update Compact instruments, and renew commitments for the next cycle of action.

The accountability process is not punitive. It is developmental, practical and learning-oriented. Its purpose is to help members improve implementation, strengthen evidence, mobilize resources, deepen participation and move from isolated activity to measurable food systems transformation.

**Regional and Territorial Nodes, Technical and Scientific Working Groups, and the Secretariat Function** support this learning cycle by documenting progress, synthesizing lessons, identifying constraints, preparing annual reports, and helping members translate evidence into improved practice, policy, investment and territorial implementation.

### STRATEGIC POSITIONING

The Global Agroecology Forum Compact sits at the intersection of convening, membership, food systems role integration, territorial implementation, learning, data governance, investment and accountability.

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It positions the **Global Agroecology Forum** as the convening, visibility, learning and accountability platform; the **GODAN Alliance** as the membership and partnership architecture; the **GODAN Alliance Membership and Partnership Gateway** as the formal entry pathway into the Compact; and the **Food Systems Role Architecture** as the inclusive participation model through which different actors define their contribution to food systems transformation.

It further links **Territorial Agroecology Platforms** as the local implementation engines; **Regional and Territorial Nodes** as contextual adaptation and learning mechanisms; **ISSD, DAAL and GIIKE** as learning, incubation, mentorship and enterprise development systems; **ISDGD-PIE, EATS and TRUST** as the data and digital governance architecture; **SMIFP and other finance mechanisms** as the investment and co-financing pathway; and the **Compact Instruments** as the practical tools that support implementation, reporting, learning and scale.

This positioning is important because agroecology cannot be scaled by advocacy alone. It requires a working architecture that connects policy, communities, enterprises, extension, finance, research, logistics, nutrition, health, education, climate action, biodiversity, data governance, public procurement, trade and territorial implementation.

Resource mobilization under the Compact draws on public investment, private capital, philanthropic support, development finance, community co-financing, outcome-based finance and territorial investment pipelines.

The Compact therefore serves as the bridge between global convening and local delivery. It enables members to move from interest to formal participation, from participation to implementation, from implementation to evidence, and from evidence to investment, learning and accountability.

Continental institutions such as AUDA-NEPAD play a critical role in connecting territorial agroecology implementation to Africa's broader transformation agenda. Through continental policy alignment, investment-readiness platforms, agribusiness acceleration, regional learning, and partnership mobilization, AUDA-NEPAD can help translate local agroecology demonstrations into scalable African food systems investment pathways.

Through this positioning, the Global Agroecology Forum Compact becomes more than a declaration. It becomes the organizing framework through which the GODAN Alliance and its partners align membership, instruments, territories, data systems, finance, knowledge institutions and implementation actors into one coherent food systems transformation architecture.

### THE COMPACT AS A LIVING IMPLEMENTATION PARADIGM

The Global Agroecology Forum Compact converts agroecology from aspiration into organized implementation, from scattered pilots into territorial systems, and from declarations into measurable

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food systems transformation. It provides a shared pathway through which territories, institutions, communities and enterprises restore soils, protect biodiversity, improve nutrition, strengthen farmer livelihoods, create youth and women enterprises, mobilize investment and build resilient local economies.

Through this Compact, members affirm that the future of food systems must be regenerative, inclusive, data-enabled, locally owned, economically viable, institutionally grounded and accountable to people and planet. They also affirm that food systems transformation must contribute to prosperity, peace and partnership through meaningful participation by all actors. Agroecology is therefore not the responsibility of one sector alone, but a shared transformation agenda requiring coordinated action across policy, governance, farming, extension, research, finance, enterprise, logistics, nutrition, health, education, climate action, biodiversity, trade, digital systems, development cooperation and community organization.

The Compact provides the organizing framework through which the Global Agroecology Forum, the GODAN Alliance, the GODAN Alliance Membership and Partnership Gateway, the Food Systems Role Architecture, Territorial Agroecology Platforms, Local Enterprise and Service Hubs, Compact Instruments, trusted data governance systems, finance mechanisms and accountability processes are brought into one coherent implementation architecture.

In this way, the Compact enables members to move from interest to formal participation, from participation to practical implementation, from implementation to evidence, from evidence to investment, and from investment to learning, accountability and scale.

The Compact should be reviewed periodically through the Global Agroecology Forum to incorporate lessons from implementation, emerging science, member experience, territorial evidence and changing food systems realities.

The Compact is therefore not a closing statement, but a living paradigm. It grows as new members join, as territories generate evidence, as communities organize, as enterprises mature, as data systems improve, as finance is mobilized, and as lessons from implementation are fed back into policy, practice and investment. It stands as a continuing commitment to ensure that no territory, institution, community or food systems actor is left behind in the transition toward regenerative, inclusive and resilient food systems.

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### LAUNCH SIGNATORIES

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Convening Institutions

- Murang'a County Government
- Global Open Data for Agriculture and Nutrition (GODAN)
- AUDA-NEPAD
- FINAS 2026 Summit

### FUTURE SIGNATORIES

GSGC Chamber / Signatory Category	Institution	Signature	Date
1. National Government Institutions			
2. County Governments and Territorial Authorities			
3. Municipalities and Local Governments			
4. AUDA-NEPAD / Continental and Regional Institutions			
5. FINAS Food Systems Finance Partners			
6. Agroecology Transition Finance and Derisking Partners			
7. Philanthropic and Development Partners			
8. Scientific, Geospatial and Territorial Intelligence Systems Partners			
9. Universities, Research and Academic Institutions			
10. Private Sector, Industrialization and Enterprise Partners			
11. Financial Institutions and Investment Partners			
12. Youth Innovation, Incubation and Agripreneur Networks			
13. Farmer, Producer and Cooperative Organizations			

## The Global Agroecology Forum Compact

A Territorial Implementation Compact for Agroecology, Food Systems Transformation, Open Data, Youth Enterprise and Sustainable Investment

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14. Food Systems, Nutrition, NCD Prevention and Territorial Health Partners			
15. Civil Society, Agroecology Pavilion and Demonstration Partners			